



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Giorgio SOLDANI

Attorney Docket Number: 023349-00285

Application Number: 10/733,258

Group Art Unit: 1733

Filed: December 12, 2003

Examiner: Samchuan Cua YAO

For: A MACHINE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING POROUS MEMBRANES FOR MEDICAL USE

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 16, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated July 20, 2006, the Applicant hereby elects Group I directed to Claims 1 – 15 and 22, drawn to a machine for producing porous membranes. This election is made without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

In view of the Applicant's above election, Applicant respectfully submits that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests examination of elected Group I, Claims 1 – 15 and 22 on the merits.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper to Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number 023349-00285.

Respectfully submitted,

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